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Unit 2, Lesson 9

1a) Read Mark, Chapter 14. What events does it describe?

Mark Chapter 14 is packed with many different events, After the rulers had resolved to kill Jesus, He is seen in Bethany, and while in Bethany a woman breaks open her alabaster box and pours it on His feet. Judas betrays Jesus, and Jesus has the last supper with His twelve disciples. During the supper, Jesus tells Peter that He will deny Him. Jesus is then captured in the Garden of Gethsemane, He then stands trial before the Sanhedrin. Jesus is found guilty and is sentenced to death, lastly, Jesus' prophecy to Peter comes to pass when Peter denies Him three times.

1b) What happens in Exodus, Chapters 11 and 12?

Exodus Chapters 11 and 12 depict the final plague on the Egyptians. God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites that they must put the blood of a lamb on the door and when the angel of death descends it will Passover them.

2) Identify the setting of the Last Supper. At what location does it take place?

The Last Supper was located in Mount Zion, just outside of the city of Jerusalem.

3) Is there any historical, literary, or theological part of either narrative that is not *readily* understood?

One historical part of the Exodus narrative that I need a bit of clarification on is did the early church celebrate Passover?

4) Outline the NT passage in the Gospel of Mark, noting the characters involved.

The events in the Gospel Mark go as follows:

Introduction

- Baptism of Jesus
- Temptation in the Wilderness
- Jesus's Initial Public Preaching

Public Ministry near Galilee

- Call of First Disciples
- Exorcisms
- Miracles

Jerusalem

- Jesus Triumphant entry
- Temple Incident
- Cursing of the Fig Tree

Journey to the Cross

- Passover
- Anointing at Bethany
- Last Supper
- Judas' Betrayal
- Peter's Denial
- Crucifixion & Burial

Resurrection & The Great Commission

5) Read the Old Testament *footnote* references within your New Testament readings. Are there any references to OT events other than the Passover?

Mark 1:2-3 “As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Correlates with

Isaiah 40:3 “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Mark 10:19 “You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’”

Correlates with

Exodus 20: 12-14 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.”

6) Where does the story of the Last Supper come from within the Book of Mark? What is directly before it, and what comes after?

The Last Supper takes place in Mark chapter 14, right before the meal Jesus is seen washing his disciple's feet. After the Last Supper Jesus and His disciples head to the Mount of Olives.

7) Are there other instances within the Gospel of Mark that parallel these passages? In what other situations, for example, does Jesus break bread?

The Passover is parallel to the events in Exodus. When Jesus broke the bread it was bitter which alludes to the bitterness of Egyptian oppression. The lamb that they ate symbolized the lamb that was sacrificed and put on the doorpost during the Passover.

8) How are the *themes* of the Gospel of Mark reading treated in the New Testament? The concept of Passover, bread and wine, body and blood of Christ, etc.?

Jesus used the food and wine of the Passover and reinterpreted them in Himself, therefore the focus was no longer on the suffering of Israel in Egypt but on the sin-bearing suffering of Jesus on their behalf. The symbols are not mere symbols they are powerful pictures as we see the Lord's table as the new Passover.

9) How is the "Last Supper" treated in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John? Why the different emphasis in John, Chapter 13?

According to the traditions of the early church and biblical accounts, the gospels affirm that the Last Supper occurred on Passover, but the gospel according to John indicates that the Last Supper could not have been a Passover meal because it had been eaten before the beginning of Passover.

10) Why is it important that a worship leader know Biblical theology—theology which is solidly grounded in both Testaments?

It is important for worship leaders to know Biblical theology that is grounded in both the Old and New Testaments because they work together to create the word of God. The Old Testament gives context for the New Testament which prophecies that are revealed through Christ.